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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Steward et al.

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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2003,
entry of the amendments and consideration of the following
remarks is respectfully requested.

I. AMENDMENT

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Please cancel claims 1 to 34.

II. REMARKS

Prior to the present amendment, claims 1 to 53 were
pending. The Examiner alleges that these claims are directed to
two distinct and independent inventions as follows:

Group I: Claims 1 to 34, directed to a BoNT/A/E
substrate; and